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WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Bill

On June 25, 2009, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its FFY 2010 Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations Bill. The bill includes \$228 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), which is 43 percent below the \$400 million in SCAAP funds appropriated in FFY 2009 and the CJS Appropriations Bill passed by the House on June 18, 2009. On past years, the Senate often has funded SCAAP at low levels in its annual CJS Appropriations Bills. The fact that a relatively few states receive the vast majority of SCAAP funding makes it difficult to secure support for SCAAP in the Senate where each state is represented by two senators, regardless of population size. Five states (California, New York, Texas, Florida, and Arizona) together receive nearly three-fourths of total funding while 14 states each receive less than \$500,000 a year. In fact, in FFY 2008, the County's SCAAP payment of \$14.05 million exceeded the total combined SCAAP payments received by more than 25 states.

The Senate bill includes \$10 million for John R. Justice Program, which provides student loan repayment assistance for prosecutors and public defenders to address the serious problems faced by prosecutor and public defender offices in recruiting and retaining qualified attorneys. The House version does not include any funding for this program, which was authorized last year, but not yet funded and implemented.

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Other FFY 2010 funding levels for programs of County interest in the Senate bill include the following:

- \$483 million for Byrne Justice Assistance Grant formula grants, which is below its FFY 2009 and House funding level of \$519 million;
- \$100 million for COPS Hiring Grants, which is significantly below the House funding level of \$298 million;
- \$200 million for Economic Development Assistance Programs, which is below its FFY 2009 funding level of \$240 million and House funding level of \$255 million;
- \$166 million for DNA Backlog Reduction Grants, which is above its FFY 2009 funding level of \$146 million and House funding level of \$156 million;
- \$60 million for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, which is above its FFY 2009 and House funding level of \$55 million; and
- \$25 million for the Southwest Border Prosecution Program, which is below its FFY 2009 and House funding level of \$30 million.

In addition, the Senate bill includes \$300,000 in earmarked funds for the County Sheriff's Department's Anti-Gang Intelligence Data Sharing and Analysis Project, requested by Senator Feinstein. Senate floor action on the FFY 2010 CJS Appropriations Bill has not yet been scheduled.

FFY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

On June 24, 2009, the House passed H.R. 2892, the FFY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, while the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version last week. Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding is increased from \$822.5 million in FFY 2009 to \$871 million in the House bill and \$867 million in the Senate bill. Both versions fund the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) at the same level (\$890 million) as in FFY 2009. In FFY 2008, the Los Angeles County area received allocations of \$70.4 million for UASI and \$23.3 million for SHSGP; final FFY 2009 allocations have not yet been made.

Funding levels for other grant programs of County interest include:

- Emergency Management Performance Grant funding is increased from \$315 million in FFY 2009 to \$330 million in the House bill and \$350 million in the Senate bill.

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- Funding for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program, which subsidizes the hiring of firefighters, is doubled from \$210 million to \$420 million in FFY 2010 under both bills.
- Firefighting Grant funding is reduced from \$565 million in FFY 2009 to \$390 million in the House bill and \$380 million in the Senate bill.
- Interoperable Emergency Communications Grants are funded at \$50 million, the same level as in FFY 2009.
- The Urban Search and Rescue Response System is funded at \$32.5 million, the same level as in FFY 2009.

Senate floor action on the FFY 2010 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill has not yet been scheduled.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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